GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:27
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2006
RURAL- AGRO INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has any proposal to formulate a rural-agro industrial economic policy to lessen the dependence of villages on the towns;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the measures taken by the Government to process the available raw materials in villages into finished goods?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(c): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 27 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2006.

(a)to(c): In line with the policy of the Government for generation of employment in rural areas through the promotion of khadi, village and coir industris, the following programmes and schemes are implemented :

(I) Khadi

(i) Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme.

(ii) Rebate Scheme for providing rebate on sales of khadi.

(iii)Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme (both for khadi and village industries).

(iv) Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) Scheme (both for khadi and village industries).

(v) Assistance to khadi and village industry (KVI) units to participate in exhibitions at the national, sub-national levels, etc., for improving marketing of products (both for khadi and village industries).

(II) Village Industries

(i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

(ii) Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY).

(III) Coir

(i) Development of Production Infrastructure Scheme for coir production through supply of equipment and machinery at subsidised rates.

(ii) Research and Development Schemes.

(iii)Mahila Coir Yojana.

In addition, Government has approved implementation of the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for development of 100 clusters of khadi, village and coir industries over five years beginning 2005-06.

The units set up under the REGP as well as those in the khadi and coir sectors are by and large located in rural areas and small towns and mostly use local raw materials for value addition through processing.